

Draft Minutes
Governor's Energy Policy Advisory Council

Wednesday December 19, 2007
Patrick Henry Building Room 1006, Richmond, Virginia

Called to order: 9:10 a.m.

Members Present:

Larry Blanchfield, Karl Bren, Darlene Burcham, The Honorable Aneesh Chopra, Eva Hardy, Dr. Irene Leech, George Minor, Ken Moss, Michael Quillen, William Tayler, Michael Town, Michael Ward, Nikki Rovner for the Honorable L. Preston Bryant, Jr., Lynnette Hammond for the Honorable Patrick Gottschalk, Stephen Walz as Chair

Member Absent:

Alison Leo Rana

Welcome and Introductions - Stephen Walz

- Ms. Alison Leo Rana is being transferred – position will need to be filled
- Mr. William Tayler introduced as newest Council member

Vice Chair

- Karl Bren selected as Vice Chair

By-Laws

- After review, By-Laws were accepted by Council members (see attached).

Executive Order 48

- John Warren with the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy discussed key points of Executive Order 48
 - Agencies and institutions spent over \$290 million in facility and transportation energy in fiscal year 2006
 - Goal to reduce annual cost of non renewable purchases by 20% by 2010
 - Alternate procurement opportunities
 - Performance contracting
 - Other energy efficiency projects
 - Automate utility billing

Secretary of Technology Chopra

- Addressed the Governor's proposed budget of \$40.5 million to fund competitive research grants for renewable energy and other areas

2007 electric utility regulation and State Corporation Commission Energy Efficiency study

- Howard Spinner with the State Corporation Commission (SCC) discussed key points of the SCC's Energy Efficiency study prepared for the Governor and General Assembly, released December 14, 2007
- Feedback from policy makers is expected in the following areas:

- Pricing and how it affects behavior
- Rate design and who will pay for efficiency
- Who will administer programs
- Externalities
- The report recommends that utilities provide data to SCC for future studies

Virginia Energy Plan implementation actions – ideas and priorities

- Stephen Walz discussed key points of the Virginia Energy Plan
 - Progress of the Plan
 - Origin of the Plan
 - Policy and objectives
 - Goals set out in the Plan

Virginia Energy Plan monitoring / performance measurement

- Reviewed Power Point presentation handout on measuring progress toward meeting the Virginia Energy Plan goals (see attached)
 - Increase Virginia's energy independence
 - Expand consumer energy education
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 30% (2000 levels) by 2005
 - Increase economic development

Climate Change Commission

- Nikki Rovner, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources discussed the Climate Change Commission
 - Membership announcement is imminent
 - 30% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
 - Importance of interaction between the Commission and the Governor's Energy Policy Advisory Council

2008 Energy Legislation

- Stephen Walz reviewed reports for 2008 potential legislation addressing energy

Recommendations on other policy issues

- Increase consumer education
- Promote Green Building Standards
- Propose recommendations to the Climate Change Commission from an energy standpoint

Next Meeting –Wednesday March 19, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m., location to be announced.

Future agenda issues

- Review and discuss recently passed energy related legislation
- Submit recommendations to the Climate Change Commission

Adjourned: 1:30 p.m.

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